

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 22-23 and 25-27 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-21 and 24 have been canceled.

Claims 22 and 23 are currently amended. Support for the claim amendments is found in the specification, page 17, lines 7-30 and Figures 16-18. Device 130 is a compressive system that mechanically deforms the tension member as described in the Applicants specification. The purpose of the device 130 is to jam with the termination device 10 in the unlikely event of tension member slippage through device 10. When engaged with the tension member, device 130 cannot move thereon. Thus, if the tension member slipped it would draw device 130 into contact with the cut side plat 96 and side 36 of socket 30 and would jam there preventing further slippage. No new matter has been added.

Claims 22-23 and 25-27 are rejected under 35USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Young (US 421,120).

Newly amended claim 22 is directed to having the features of a first and second compressive system where

a second compressive system comprising a clamp engaging the tension member, the second compressive system prevents further slippage of the tension member by mechanical deformation of the tension member only when slippage of the tension member through the device first occurs.

As amended, claim 22 now recites a second compressive system that engages the tension member by a mechanical deformation only when the tension member begins to slip through the termination device via the first compressive system. The mechanical deformation occurs at when the tension member starts to slip to prevent further slippage from occurring.

It is respectfully submitted that these features in amended claim 22 are not recited anywhere in Young. The cited prior art does not recite two compressive systems where one of the compressive systems comprises a clamp and the other mechanical deforms the tension

member once slippage occurs. The device in Young applies both compressive systems simultaneously to secure the tension member in the device.

Claim 23 has been amended consistent with amended claim 22.

Claims 23 and 26-27 are directed to various features that may be combined with the invention of claim 22 and are allowable over the cited art for at least the reasons cited above with respect to claim 22.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 22 and 23 and previously presented claims 25-27 are patentable over the prior cited art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 22-23, and 25-27.

The Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to expedite any further issues or concerns.

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